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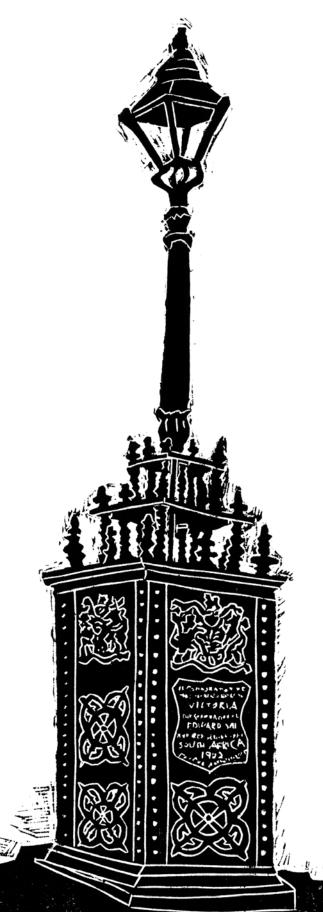
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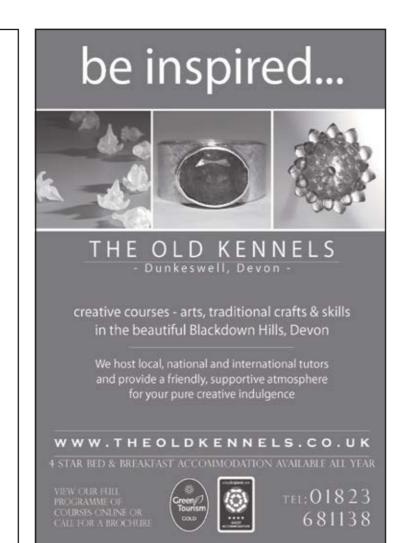
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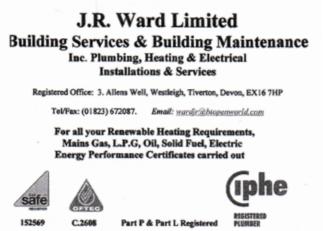
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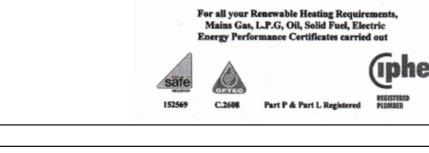
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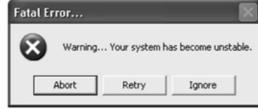
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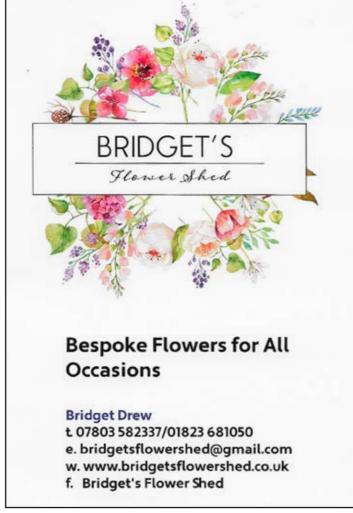




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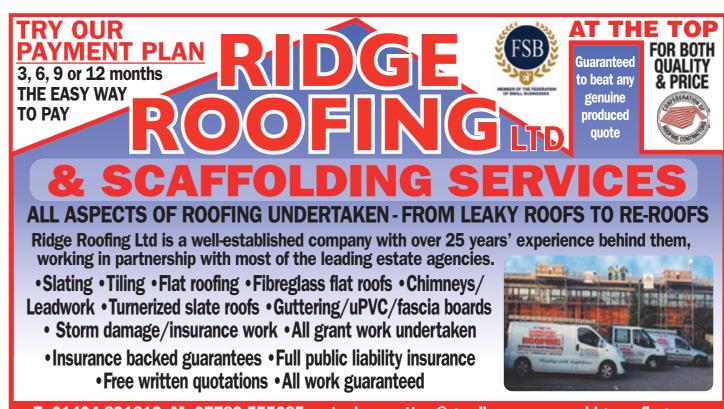
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> HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; FS = Family Service; FC = Family Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Services	Hemyock St Mary	Culm Davy St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon St Andrew	Culmstock All Saints'				
Sunday 2 nd February Candlemas	10.30am Café Church	No Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)				
9 th February <i>Epiphany 5</i>	11.15am Morning Prayer (CW)	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Family Service	6.30pm <i>EP (BCP)</i>				
16 th February 2 nd before Lent	11.15am Holy Communion (CW)	No Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9.30am HC (CW)				
23 rd February Sunday Next Lent	11.15 Holy Communion (CW)	3.30pm Taize Service	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)				
Wednesday 26 th February Ash Wednesday	11.30am Holy Communion (CW) With Imposition of Ashes. Followed by Lent Lunch	No Service	6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) With imposition of Ashes	7.00pm Holy Communion (CW) With imposition of Ashes				
1 st March I st of Lent / St Davids	11.15am Holy Communion (CW)	No Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)				
8 th March 2 nd of Lent	11.15am Morning Prayer (CW)	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)	6.30pm Taize Service				
15 th March 3 rd of Lent	11.15am Holy Communion (CW)	No Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)				
22 nd March Mothering Sunday 4 th of Lent	10.30am Family Service with School Choir	3.30pm Family Service	10.00am Family Service	10.30am Holy Communion (CW)				
29 th March 5 th of Lent Start of Passiontide	Benefice Eucharist 10.30am St Andrews Clayhidon							

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Stewards of the Earth

The translation I normally use talks

over the earth. It is a phrase I have

never been comfortable with, so I

looked at some of the more modern

versions of the Bible and found this:-

about mankind being given dominion

I don't believe in coincidences. I have God-incidences instead. The latest one is that when I realised, just a few days before January 14th, that it was my turn to write something for this issue of the Parish Pump I had no idea what I was going to write about. So as I often do I turned to the Bible for inspiration and discovered that on January 13th the series of Bible readings I use every day took me to the account of the creation at the beginning of Genesis.

"We are responsible for the earth. We are its stewards, and the first thing God did after he had created human beings and told them to be

responsible for the earth was to bless them."

across the world in order to change some of the things which need changing, but that doesn't mean that there is nothing we can do about it as individuals and even as small rural communities. Significantly, thanks to the way information technology works one single 16 year old Swedish schoolgirl managed to get the UN to sit up and take notice.

There will have to be concerted action by governments

There are things we can all do to improve the situation. If we think about it we can make just small changes to everyday things, one step at a time to help the situation to improve. Some magazines now come in wrappers which proudly announce "I am 100% compostable" so instead

of going into landfill they can go into the composter at the bottom of the garden. What is even better is that they do not degrade in the freezer, so I can wrap portions of food in them for freezing and after they have eventually been defrosted I can wash them and re-use them. No more clingfilm!

We are responsible for the earth. We are its stewards, and the first thing God did after he had created human beings and told them to be responsible for the earth was to bless them. The creation account then ends with the words, "God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!" Sadly we have managed to make it less good, but if we all exercise our stewardship of the earth we can begin to make it better again. There is always hope. We are still blessed by God.

John Stone

'God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

That seems to me to be a much better way of describing our relationship with this wonderful planet we live on. We do not own it. It is not ours to do just what we like with, but we are responsible for it. For most of human history that has not mattered very much, but in the last 200 years or so we have been doing things like digging up coal to burn in our power stations, pumping oil out of the ground to fuel our motor vehicles and chopping down trees on a grand scale to clear land for agriculture. When those things began no one could possibly have had any idea of what the consequences would eventually be, but now we know that the way we are behaving as a society is changing the way in which nature itself works.

St Mary's Hemyock

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Christingle Service

circle of candlelight, glowing faces of both child and adult, entertainment by the local school choir and an amusing but thoughtful talk were all part of the Christingle service at St Mary's Church, Hemyock which was attended by over 180 people.

The service was taken by Rev John Stone who to everyones delight had as his visual aid a large artificial Christingle.

As the Christingles - an orange holding a lit candle depicting Christ as the light of the world, with four sticks containing fruit and sweets to represent the four seasons - were distributed people formed a circle around the pews, lights switched off and the first verse of Away in a Manger sung.

Janice Bawler



Above Hemyock School Choir (with a young conductor!)

Festival of Trees

rom the Baby and Toddler group to the mature Acorn Club, from gardening and walking to bowling and tennis; Brownies and bell ringers to the Royal British Legion, Hemyock Singers and the local pub - yes there was something for everyone to admire, enjoy and marvel at the 3 day Festival of Trees organised by the Friends (FOSM) of St Mary's church.

Local group and businesses had been invited to decorate a Christmas tree depicting what they offered to the public and 24 took up the opportunity to produce some clever and beautiful displays.

Valley Arts demonstrated this years production, Sleeping Beauty, the Gardeners Association was full of Winter Beauty, the Tennis Club had a charming display of miniature racquets amongst the greenery, the PO /village store showed the huge variety of goods they sell, the RBL Tree of Remembrance was covered in poppies whilst a model of Hemyock Singers MD Matthew topped their display and the Mothers Union tree shone in their colours of blue and white. Amongst the other decorations around the church were circles of greenery on the pillars with red and gold baubles matching those on the church 12 foot tree standing alongside the pulpit and those hanging from the gallery and alongside the altar.

Visitors were invited to vote for their favourite tree with the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre The Snow Storm the winner. Decorations included paper snowflakes made by the elderly at the CAMEO Club with youngsters from the Stay and Play Hub making some of the pom poms. Over £1,100 was donated over the three days. Thanks to the FOSM refreshments were available at the church , with light lunches offered at the Church Room which had also been decorated in keeping with the festival theme.

Following a mid morning service of Holy Communion, Sunday afternoon saw the event drawing to a close with a concert by the Somerset based Stanchester Quire, led by Eddie Upton, Director of Folk South West. The group delighted the large audience with a selection of West Country carols. In thanking them, and others for making the event so successful, a presentation was made by Ron White (FOSM co-ordinator) to Festival Co-ordinator Monica Smith and her husband Stewart who had worked tirelessly ensuring all went well.



Above David Bawler (Churchwarden) Hazel Partridge (Church treasurer)

Christmas Fair

hanks to the generosity of those who attended St Mary's Church with Culm Davy Chapel Christmas Fair, Hemyock over £1,207 was raised by the church alone. This was particularly good as many local families were involved with preparing for the evening Light Brigade parade and there were events in the two other villages in the Upper Culm Mission Community.

Held at the Parish Hall the event started with the Rector Revd Canon Becky Totterdell who read an hilarious notice from Elf and Safety. It spoke of a Risk Assessment for those riding in a one horse open sleigh, CCTV cameras monitoring flocks of sheep for shepherds in a centrally heated hut and that appropriate equipment had to be worn on account of harmful rays and the overwhelming effect of Glory. Equal opportunities legislation prohibited any comments about the redness of Mr R Reindeers nose and that Social Services had been advised that an infant had been found tucked up in a Manger without a crib for a bed and they would be arriving shortly.

It was then noted that God broke every H and S rule in the universe as the baby was born to homeless parents in war torn Palestine laying it open to all the diseases of the time. It was then noted how we celebrate as he came out of sheer love so we may know God. Then to warm applause the event was declared open. The hall was filled with many traditional stalls many decorated in festive colours and items and refreshments were greatly enjoyed by many. The most popular stalls proved to be being cakes and savouries, water and wine, new & nearly new and the raffle. For the children there were pocket money toys and a lucky dip. Music was provided throughout the afternoon by Ron White on accordion.

Janice Bawler

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Opening in

February 2020

or

Saturday 1st Tuesday 11th Tuesday 25th

All at 10am - 12 noon in the Church Room, Castle Hill

Come and see us soon!

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

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St Mary's Hemyock

Candlemas Celebration

Sunday 2 February

Café Church

For all Ages Church Rooms Hemyock Church Rooms 10.30am - 11.30am

Coffee & Doughnuts, activities, Light a candle for a special prayer



Upper Culm Mission Community

Mothering Sunday Services 22nd March



St Andrews Clayhidon Family Service

amily Service 10.00am

St Marys Hemyock

Family Service 10.30am With Hemyock School Choir

Culm Davy Chapel

Family Service 3.30pm

Lent 2020: Saying 'Yes' to Life

God, the Creation, and Us

ent starts on 26th February and runs until Easter Eve, 11
April. During Lent the churches in Hemyock with Culm Davy,
Culmstock and Clayhidon will focus on God's commission to
us as human beings to tend and care for the creation.

Around the world we are aware as never before of how vital good stewardship of our planet is both to it and to us as a species. The churches invite you to join them in following this theme throughout Lent. We will do this by:

- Focusing on creation themes during Sunday worship
- Offering booklets giving daily thought starters and ideas for practical action during the 40 days of Lent
- Offering booklets which give daily thought starters and ideas for practical action for children, along with suggestions for family activities.
- Each of these booklets can also be downloaded via an App. You can sign up for the App by googling **churchofengland.org** and finding LiveLent.
- Hosting a number of book groups around the villages, in which we'll read the book, 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. This takes us into the biblical creation story in the first two chapters of Genesis and explores its theological, environmental and social dimensions. It includes questions for discussion at the end of each chapter, along with a short prayer. Information about where groups are being held will be available through the churches and on the website, culmkirks.co.uk. You don't need to be a member of any of the churches to come along just have a concern for our planet, a desire to care for it, and a curiosity about how God might fit in.

About the book

'Saying Yes to Life' lifts our focus from every day (and perfectly natural) concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made – to share in the joy and creativity of God in making a difference for good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1 - 2.2) in relating themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern. Foundational to the book are what it means to be human and, in particular, to be a follower of Jesus during Lent. Voices from other continents are heard throughout, and each chapter ends with discussion questions, a prayer, and specially commissioned art to aid action and contemplation. The author is the Global Advocacy and Influencing Director of Tearfund, an international Christian charity that works to equip and enable local communities throughout the world to become self-sustaining.

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Monthly Winter Lunch
Hearty winter soup, pudding & coffee

Thurs, 20 February & Thurs, 19 March

in The Church Rooms, Hemyock (serving at 12.30pm)

Donations towards

Jenny Green working in Bradford

Take a Bow

he had a message from a lady called Clare to start the year.
It said "Please pass our thanks and appreciation to your church and community. You're doing an amazing job!"

So what was the reason behind this burst into praise? Well it helps if you know that Clare is the manager of the Wellington Food Bank which operates out of the URC church in Fore Street. She was enthusing because St Mary's donated 374.4kgs of food etc to the Bank from January to December 2019 compared with 304kgs for the same period in 2018. In 2017 it was 219.5 kg. So that's nearly an 80% increase in two years! Thank you very, very much!

People sometime ask what do Food Banks take? Well if it's in your food cupboard and is in a tin or packet it's OK. The Bank cannot take fresh item or frozen goods. The same with household cleaning items, pet foods and personal care items. Any query can be sorted by phoning the Taunton base at the Belvedere Trading Estate in Taunton.

Brian Samuels

51st Hemyock Holiday Club 2020 Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July

11am – 2:45pm at Hemyock Primary School

£1.50 per day or £5 for the week

Open to all children of primary school age. We look forward to seeing you for a great time!

Any adults or teenage helpers available please contact Maureen Aylwin or Steve Williams at Hemyock Baptist Church

SPONSORED HYMN SING for FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

at ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
HEMYOCK
Sunday 8th March

Sunday, 8th March from 3.00 to 5.00pm (with a tea break at 4.00pm)

Friends of St. Mary's, Hemyock

Tunes from the Organ Tuner

Michael Farley will play our organ



Sunday, 16th February 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Hemyock

Free Admission

Retiring Collection



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You can also pick up a copy of the Pump from Spar, the Post Office and in St Mary's Church.

If you know of someone in the parish who doesn't receive a copy of the Parish Pump, or if you have any other queries about distribution, please contact Clare Sibley on 680763.

That Christmas Feel

Being driven around every area of Hemyock just before Christmas I was struck by just how festive the village as a whole looked

As a community we really must thank The Lights Brigade for a remarkable spectacular once again. We do enjoy it. But the efforts of The Lights Brigade seem also to have triggered a very definite response from so many others. As well as the bigger displays, which some of you must have spent hours and hours planning and building, and enjoying yourselves in the process, many of you had a tree lit up in your window, or candles or snowmen, or in your garden just a shrub or tree lit up. All these little things contributed so much to the overall festive feel of the village.

Thank you to all of you who helped make Hemyock Christmassy for us all.

Heather Stallard - heather@culmpyne.com

CARE 4 Calais

Care 4 Calais

couple of years ago, we used to hear a lot about the refugees living in France, hoping and trying to find a permanent place to live. Since the closure of the 'jungle' camp in Calais in 2016, this crisis seems to have slipped off the major news agenda.

There are currently around 700 refugees living in and around Calais. They are sleeping rough in the worst conditions and are not allowed to even have tents for shelter from the elements. Their sleeping bags and possessions are regularly confiscated by the police as the authorities are determined to prevent another permanent camp from reforming.

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Refugees originate mainly from Northern Africa, Afghanistan, and the Middle East. Having fled war, dictatorships, persecution and

political oppression they require basic humanitarian aid. Care4Calais is one of the organisations still working out there trying to provide food, shelter and friendly support.

I am going out as a volunteer on Wednesday 5 February with a group including my daughter, Ella Sibley. I will be travelling by public transport so I'm not able to carry much. I hope to take a range of small items and would appreciate donations towards these. If you would like to contribute any of the following, please get in touch:

- Men's socks (size 7-9), men's hats and gloves new please
- Prepaid SIM cards or unlocked mobile phones with chargers
- Cash to enable me to buy other items or donate direct to Care4Calais

Other larger items of clothing can be left at St Mary's Church in the front right pew and these will be taken to the main collection point in Taunton. Particularly needed at the moment are waterproof walking boots (size 7-9), small/medium waterproof coats, hats, gloves, scarves.

Many thanks,

Clare Sibley

01823 680763 or 07967 051182 email: clare.sibley@yahoo.co.uk www.care4calais.org

Hemyock Tennis Club

nce more it's the weather that's taken centre stage. Two of the three friendlies in December were cancelled due to rain, although we did manage a very enjoyable home match against Wiveliscombe. The January 15th friendly against Upottery squeezed into just about the only dry evening for a while, so we were lucky with that one, and again those involved had an enjoyable game.

The club sponsored a Christmas tree in the St Mary's 'Festival of Trees' in December. Thanks particularly to Paul Steed, and to Karen Steer for some innovative tennis related decorations for the tree, and to Neil Buckingham for supplying three wooden rackets to make use of. All monies raised in the festival went towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church.

On Friday 10th January, we held our annual 'Christmas Social' event at the Catherine Wheel. Around 25 attended, and enjoyed a buffet supper, a couple of hands of skittles and a quiz (kindly provided and run by Jerry). Jerry was particularly adept at fielding the 'abuse' that accompanied the occasional dispute. Ian Jeeves top scored at skittles (21) and Suzy, Andy, Karen, Malcolm, Karen, Sue, & Fliss were on the winning quiz table. There was also a game of 'killer' skittles, mismanaged excellently by Bob, which Julie Steed eventually won. Thanks to Rachel Bussell for arranging the event, everyone had a very pleasant and sociable evening.

During the course of the evening, the '40 Club' draw was made, and the winners were as follows;

£200 - Ross Emerson £100 each – P Witter & B Gillett £50 each – B Roberts & Rob Stopford

Congratulations to the winners, better luck next time to everyone else.

There has been a security issue that has forced a change to the combinations on the court padlock and the key safe. All members should have been advised of the new codes, but if any member has problems and hasn't received the code, then contact details are below. Your committee met on January 6th. Apart from the usual club management issues, a great deal of time was spent considering future actions that would focus on a) recruiting new members, and b) retaining as many members as possible. When making these decisions, it's important to know what members think about the club, so to that end, Phil has devised a short survey which will shortly be sent out to members, and a modified version which will be sent to ex members.

We will communicate results, actions, decisions, information, etc. in newsletters and notices over the coming weeks. The committee pencilled in March 26th as the date for the 2020 AGM. We'd like as many to attend as possible. As usual, it will be held in the Longmead Pavilion at 8.00 pm.

Coaching: Dan Sizer, our club coach, offers coaching for juniors as follows, on Thursday afternoons, the first session is free, further sessions payable to Dan.

Reds (under 8's) from 4.15 – 5.00 Ambers (under 11's) from 5.00 – 5.45 Juniors (under 16's) from 5.45 – 6.45

(N.B. All school term time only)

Dan is also offering group matchplay doubles coaching every

other week on Thursday evenings – 6.30 – 7.30, again, school term time only – contact any committee member for actual dates. Private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk.

Fixture dates for club friendly matches (all 6.30 start);

January 22nd Wellington (Away)
February 5th Wellington (Home)
February 12th Upottery (Home)
February 19th Wellington (Away)
February 26th Wellington (Home)
March 11th Upottery (Home)

If you'd like to play in any of the above matches, contact Bob Hawkes or indeed any committee member. Your committee are; Julie Steed (Chair), Jerry Popham (Treasurer), Bob Hawkes (Secretary), Rachel Bussell (Welfare Officer), Tim Julier, Suzy Besant, Lucy Jefferson, Phil Cooper.

Just a reminder about club sessions CLUB SESSIONS

The club weekly sessions are:

Thursday: Mixed Club Night from 6.30 pm onwards
Saturday: Mixed Club morning from 10.00 am onwards

Sunday: Mixed Club morning (Team Practice)

l0.30 am onwards

Wednesday: A more informal mixed session.

10.30 am onwards

Finally, don't forget about the WhatsApp group that helps keep members in touch (for example when weather is changeable or if play can be arranged earlier than planned). If you'd like to join, contact the secretary.

NON-MEMBERS AND VISITORS

The courts may be booked by non-members at the Spar shop in Hemyock. Charges are £8 per hour for seniors and £4 per hour for juniors. Tokens for the floodlights are available at £2 for each half hour.

 $Bob\ Hawkes, Secretary\ 07540\ 435149\ bob. hawkes 18 @bt internet.\\ com\ or\ hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com.$

Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom Dancing lessons continue in The Garages at Lower Millhayes in Hemyock. However, at the request of our tutor, Martyn, we have moved our sessions to 11.00-12.30 every other Wednesday. £8 per person.

So far we're learning the Waltz, Foxtrot, Cha Cha and Tango with a bit of Samba. Martyn is an excellent teacher and is very patient – even with those with two left feet!

Our next sessions will be: February 5 and 19. March 4 and 18.

Changing to the morning may encourage prospective dancers to join us as it avoids clashes with other organization's events on Wednesday afternoons. Do get in touch if you want to have a go. It's great fun and you're exercising without even realising it!

Sue 01823 681393

Opening Times



Hemyock Surgery

Mon – Fri 08:30 – 18:00 – Please note the dispensary is closed between 13:00-14:00

Sat 08:00 – 11:00

Churchinford Surgery

Mon, Tue & Thu 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00

Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days

Weekends Closed

Dunkeswell Surgery

Mon & Wed 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00

Tue, Thu & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days

Weekends Closed

If you require urgent medical assistance or advice outside of normal surgery hours **please** call 111. In a genuine emergency you should call 999. Chest pains and / or shortness

of breath constitute an emergency.

Hemyock's Big Visit!

emyock Christmas Club are delighted to announce that the 2019 Big Visit raised £604 over the two night event. This is a fantastic achievement and the total will be split equally between our two charities, The Grand Appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital and The Devon Air Ambulance Trust. We raised more money this year and that is thanks to this wonderful village!

We managed to avoid the rain on both nights which, given the forecast, was very lucky indeed. Once again, the community spirit and charitable nature of Hemyock shone through, several people came out of their houses along the route to donate and wish us well. We are very grateful and it is very humbling to know that this event was enjoyed by everyone, not just the children. We must also say a huge thank you to our helpers not just on the night but throughout the year. Without their efforts it would be impossible to put this event on.

The quiz we held in September was very successful in getting the funds needed to put on the event. The money raised from the quiz coupled with a very kind donation from Music in the Valley meant that we did not have to ask local businesses for sponsorship this year. Special thanks also to the Parish Council for a donation towards the insurance. We will likely be putting on another event during this year to help fund the 2020 Big Visit, so please keep checking in The Parish Pump and our Facebook page for further details.

We look forward to seeing you all again this December. Plans are already afoot for the event and Father Christmas has said that he is available to come to the village on 9th and 10th December!

Lydia, Libby, Chris & Stuart, Hemyock Christmas Club



Hemyock Gardeners' Association

emyock Gardeners' Association saw the New Year off to a good start with their Social Evening - loyally entertained by Roger Lambert and his monologues and Brenda's fiendishly tricky quizzes.

The members brought along a plate of something delicious; a glass or two went down well. The evening concluded with Kathy & Colin serving teas, coffees, mince pies and biscuits. A lovely evening!

As is customary with the first meeting of the year, members were able to renew their Association subscriptions for £5 per person. Membership not only provides the opportunity of sharing evenings with fellow Gardeners and enjoying talks by interesting speakers but a membership card also allows members to take advantage of discounts at nearby garden centres. The diary for next year is most varied: Spring Colour in March. Food for Free in April. Show Gardens in May. Roses in September. Plants for Shade in October and finally Camellias in December. A lively year ahead, not forgetting garden visits in June and July and our annual Weekend Away in June.

February's talk on 12 February is **Gardens in Art and the Artist in the Garden**. This illustrated talk will be presented by Dr Debbie Lewer. Debbie is a Senior Lecturer in History of Art at the University of Glasgow. Her parents Jan and John are members of Hemyock Gardeners' Association and have their own magnificent garden in Hemyock. Everyone is most welcome to any of our talks. £1 on the door to include Refreshments. Second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Hemyock WI

emyock WI had an enjoyable December Meeting when they endeavoured to make decorations for their tree in the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival, later in the month. This was followed by a Bring and Share Supper. Members were reminded to choose the Resolution they would like to see voted on at the annual meeting in June.

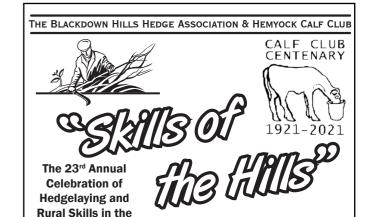
As always, January is the month when the re-formation of this WI is celebrated. This year it was at The Catherine Wheel on January 21st.

On February 4th, James Parsons from St John's Ambulance Service will be talking about First Aid and the competition is 'Anything Medical'. On March 3rd, David Lucas from Chelston Nursery will be giving a Horticultural Talk and the competition is 'A House Plant'.

The dining Group organised by Sue Hollow is being well supported, as is the Reading Group, organised by Brenda. The current book which will be discussed at Edith's is 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney and the new one is 'The Women of Primrose Square' by Claudia Caroll.

Hemyock WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month in Forbes Lounge. More details from Lynn Taylor, President, on 680104.

nda Calcraft



Saturday 7th March 2020 Regency House, Hemyock EX15 3RQ

- Largest Local Hedgelaying Competition in the UK
- FREE Admission

Blackdown Hills

- Craft Stalls & Demonstrations
- Gates Open 09:30Hot & Cold Food
- Organised Children's ActivitiesFree to enter Baking Competition
- Dogs Welcome

Including the launch of the "Calf Club Centenary 2021" fundraising campaign.

Visit <u>www.bhha.info</u> for details

Calf Club Centenary

lans for the celebrations for next year's centenary of the Hemyock Calf Club – the forerunner of the Young Farmers Club movement – are well ahead.

Organisers are hoping for countrywide support for a crowdfunding campaign, which will be launched on March 7th 2020 at the 'Skills of the Hills' event being held this year at Regency House, Hemyock. A short video will be shown explaining what its all about. Plans include a specially commissioned bronze sculpture of a calf by Welsh artist Tanya Russell, an exhibition and book. The committee would like widespread local backup for this historic centenary, but also plan to target agricultural national bodies and organisations for sponsorship and support.



Above Hemyock WI at the Catherine Wheel

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LEAP NEWS

ork has continued at Longmead through the Autumn and Winter and we are looking forward to the Spring to see who will move into the 'des res' bird and bat boxes, when the breeding season begins in early March.

We had a successful bulb-planting weekend in mid-October and volunteers planted daffodils next to the bridges, by the seats and the raised bed. Left over bulbs (we had generous donations!) were planted by the path next to St Margaret's Brook between the castle and the church. There is now a raised bed next to the path thanks to excellent remodelling of an old picnic bench and waste wood by Nick and Mark. It will be planted up with herbs and flowers for foraging.

We also welcomed Riley Evans who is doing his bronze Duke of Edinburgh volunteering with us – and a great practical help he is too. Although the forecast is horrendous, Greenday's will be with us tomorrow to do some general tidying and start a large compost store.

I have obtained two quotes to dig out a third of the pond and am in the process of seeking another. The quotes are based on the same contractor repeating the work over the next two years and thus the pond will be rid of the vast amount of the reed mace and the water levels should be higher in the Summer. Much better for the local wildlife.

Coming up in the Spring: cutting back unwanted brambles and Himalayan balsam as they appear, monitoring of the bird and bat boxes, more raised beds and a willow project.

Trish Slater 13th Jan, '20





DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER FREE WORKSHOP for the Over 65's

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 1-2pm at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH

Driving is one of the most risky activities we are likely to do in our lives, and yet once we pass our driving test many of us have no further training. This workshop aims to keep older drivers on the road safely for longer. It is an opportunity to refresh your skills with an approved driving instructor provided by RED ONE, the commercial arm of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, in conjunction with Devon County Council.

- The workshop is informal, interactive, fun and very informative. Topics covered are tailored to the group but can include:
- Health
- Eyesight
- Medical conditions
- Highway Code
- · The challenges facing drivers today
- · Advice on aids to driving
- Speed and hazard awareness

Please contact Elizabeth at the Blackdown Support Group on 01823 681 036 to book a place



Above Bulb planting at Longmead.

"Skills of the Hills" Competition

kills of the Hills 2020 will be held at Regency House in Hemyock on Saturday 7th March by kind permission of Jenny Parsons.

This competition showcases rural skills of hedgelaying. There are a number of classes ranging from Novice to Open including Pairs. People come from all over the Blackdowns to this event. There is no charge for visitor entry. If you would like to enter as a competitor, the forms are on the website www.bhha.info. If you would like to advertise your business at this event we are happy to offer a reasonable rate. Stalls are also available from £15 per pitch. In the past, the event has attracted in the region of 2000 visitors interested in rural skills and products.

John Scantlebury 07976 611185 secretary@bhha.info



Are you looking for something different and relaxing to do in 2020? Why not bring a friend and try our new **Tai Chi** classes with Bev Fernandes. Tai Chi is a series of slow, controlled movements which flow from one to another, making up a sequence which is called a 'form'. It may appear to resemble a sort of dance but its origins are in the Chinese martial arts. This gentle Chinese exercise has been practised for hundreds of years, and has many benefits including the relief of stress and tension. Bev has been teaching Tai Chi for many years; she already teaches classes in Kilve, Langport and Wellington, and so we are thrilled that she has expanded her network to the Healthy Living Centre. Tai Chi classes are on Wednesday mornings, 10am till 11am and cost £5 per session. No need to book, just drop in.

We are also pleased to introduce our new **Acupuncture Clinic** which commences on Thursdays from February. Patti O'Brien, of Exeter Quayside Acupuncture, is launching her clinic with a 'Winter Wellness' Introductory Talk on Thursday 6th February at 7pm at the Healthy Living Centre. She will explain how you can use Chinese Medicine to promote your health and vitality. So if you are in pain, feeling under the weather, underperforming or anxious, why not come along to the talk and/or you can book a FREE 20-minute consultation with Patti? To find out more, visit www.exeterquaysideacupuncture. co.uk or email info@egacu.co.uk.

If you are new to the village and don't know about the Healthy Living Centre, please visit our website www.bhlac.org.uk to find out what goes on as there is something for everyone!

Finally, we would love you to **VOLUNTEER** in 2020. We run a very busy and well attended Stay & Play group for families on Thursday mornings during term-time, 9.30-11am. To make the session run efficiently, we need help setting up beforehand and packing away at the end as well as being on hand during the session. So if you have any experience of working with children, you may have recently retired or you might find yourself with some time now your children are at school, we would be very happy to hear from you. You don't have to commit to every week - we have a volunteer rota so you could give as much time as you can. Please email centre@bhlac.org. uk or telephone Peta on 01823 680687 to find out more.

Peta Dayus-Jones Centre Manager



The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGN

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living
& Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 5th March
at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside,
Hemyock EX15

All are welcome, but to vote and have a say in the running of the BHLAC it is necessary to be a Friend of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Becoming a Friend is very simple so please consider becoming a Friend to show your support and entitle you to vote at our AGM.

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing centre@bhlac.org.uk

Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman's report and election of trustees. Full details will be available from the BHLAC nearer the time. Please call 01823 680687 or email centre@bhlac.org.uk

Around Hemyock

the Parish Pump, and his wife Claire on the birth of their third child Benjamin, a brother to

Nathanael and Bethany.

Apology: The last issue of this page began with sending birthday congratulations to Betty Huelin who it was understood was celebrating her centenary year. This was, unfortunately, incorrect and it was Betty's 90th birthday. We apologise to Betty and her family.

Geraldine Marke was for many years our local Postlady. She was known by almost everyone as she cycled around the village delivering mail. In February she will see her 90th birthday and we send her all good wishes.

Congratulations to **Ben Moon** who recently played his 250th rugby match with Exeter Chiefs. The England international player scored a try in their European Champions Cup victory against Sale Sharks at home ground Sandy Park.

There may well be other folk who have, or will soon be enjoying a special celebration. The Pump is always pleased to hear your news so please get in touch if you would like to share it whether you have always lived here or are new to the village. (Details below).

Congratulations and warm thanks must also go to all those involved with **the Festival of Trees** and concert at St Mary's and the **Light Brigade parade**. Both hugely successful events took many hours of preparation bringing delight to hundreds. Whilst all ages enjoyed these events our children were especially thrilled to see Father Christmas and his elves once again making stops around the village for **Hemyock's Big Visit** raising over £600 to be shared between the Devon Air Ambulance and Bristol Children's Hospital.

Thanks also to all those who have taken services over the Christmas period and to both church and school choir members who have added their special kind of joy to various occasions.

Whilst most of us have enjoyed the festive season we remember the families of those who have lost a loved one and our condolences and prayers are sent to them, remembering especially **Brian Clist**, **Bob Anderson and Sir Michael Stear**.

Brian lived in Hemyock for 87 of his 90 years and was admired by all who knew him. Beginning his education here he won



The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – What's on

Cameo Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Respite Care. Contact Tracy Howe (01823 680687) Club

Stay & Play Thursdays term-time 9.30 - 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for pre-school children. Art & Hub

craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Health Visitor Clinic last Thursday of the month. First Tuesday of every month 10am –12pm, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana

Phoenix Cooper (01823 680175) Group

First Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to Brightside

get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information (01823 680687)

Second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by Memory

memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information (01823 680687) Cafe

Monday	Arty Party	1.30 - 3.30pm	Drop-In Session
	Yoga	6.15 - 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 - 11am	Pauline Marchmo
	Pilates (2 classes)	5.45 - 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Tai Chi	10 - 11am	Bev Fernandes
_	Pilates (2 classes)	6 - 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 - 10.30am	Steph Leitner

Call 01823 680687 for further information and details of our new website ww.bhlac.org.uk

Acupuncture, Aromatherapy, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Therapies Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology, Speech & Language. Please contact therapists direct to book appointments.

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

a place at Tiverton Grammar School where he became Head Boy before attending Bristol university for 3 years. Here he gained a Bsc Honours Degree in Bio-Chemistry. Being an only child he forsook following an academic career to return home and run the family farm. He helped restart the Culm Valley Young Farmers Club and was Chairman for 2 years. Brian met a young local primary school teacher, **Mavis Baker**, who he married and spent 63 happy years with sharing their love of classical music, travelling, enjoying good times together and raising their sons Simon and Julian.

Brian was a man of the community serving 38 years as a Parish Councillor, 20 of them as Chairman. During this period, he oversaw the purchase of the Longmead Sports Complex and acquiring the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre for £1! He had been a school Governor of both Hemyock and Uffculme schools, helped start the Upper Culm Twinning Association and gave 60 years to recording the weather here for which he was awarded a plaque from the Met. Office. He had begun this recording by using a simple rain gauge.

Many history groups and clubs enjoyed talks by Brian and he and Chris Dracott were co-authors of The Hemyock Book with Brian also writing his memories of life here in his book Make Hay While the Sun Shines.

Brian loved to study. He was a prolific reader and he and Mavis enjoyed searching second hand bookshops. Their collection numbered so many that 10 years ago 2 garages adjoining their home were converted into a library. He also had a large stamp collection, enjoyed watching rugby, cricket, formula one motor racing and never missed an episode of Neighbours. For 72 years Brian read The Times newspaper and did the crossword every day. Both Brian and Mavis have been sustained by their strong Christian faith with Brian often preaching on the Wellington Methodist Circuit. When the Hemyock Chapel closed, he joined Mavis at St Marys where

they were regular worshippers. There can be few people who have given so much of their life to our parish and Brian will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert (Bob) Anderson

Bobs wife, Mo, would like to thank everyone for all the support and love she has been shown over the last 2 years but especially over the last couple of months since Bob died. Numerous people have said how much he made them laugh and how he managed to spread happiness around them. She writes - "I have been so fortunate to have had such a happy life with Bob with never a dull moment. Bob was always impulsive. Before we were married I was hesitating but he turned up with a marriage certificate and date booked so there was no arguing! Bob had a big heart full of love for everyone. He always had a box of sweets for the children around Longmead telling them to go and help themselves as they knew where they were. He never went with them but kept on pottering around outside. Yes, I will miss him but I know he is now well and possibly teasing the angels. Thank you, Lord for receiving him"

Michael Stear

Air Chief Marshall Sir Michael Stear KCB, CBE, DLMA (age 81) and his late wife Lizzie, moved to Culmstock Road a number of years ago until ill health saw him move out of the village. Sir Michael attended Cambridge university in 1959 where he read Oriental Languages and joined the University Air Squadron. After joining the RAF, Mike was a Cold War fighter pilot before assuming senior RAF and NATO command appointments. He was a retired senior commander of the Royal Air Force serving as Deputy Commander in Chief Allied Forces Central Europe 1992-96. On the same day as he retired, he was commissioned into the RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training Branch) as a flying officer for 4 years but this was extended twice until he finally relinquished the role at the age of 68yrs. He continued his links with the RAF by becoming President of the RAF

Association in 1998. In 2000 he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Devon. Mike was born in Southampton and educated in Somerset. He was very much an outdoors person. He had a deep interest in rugby playing for different teams and had been a member of the Combined Services team. He later became a member of the England RFU committee. He enjoyed skiing, shooting and fishing. Mike was knowledgeable about all things of the natural world and also enjoyed many hours gardening. He and his late wife Lizzie spent 40 years breeding golden retrievers and before moving to Hemyock around 11 years ago they had a small holding near Cullompton where they kept sheep, chicken and geese. They regularly attended St Mary's Church and were a very sociable couple. Many will remember an enjoyable jazz evening held at Ploversfield. Sir Michaels funeral service took place at St Clements Danes, London the official RAF church. Sir Micahel's Obituary appeared in The Telegraph, and anyone interested to read it can do so online following this link: https://www. telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2020/01/15/air-chief-marshal-sirmichael-stear-pilot-fast-jet-fighters. A copy is also available in St Mary's Church.

Whilst not a local resident, numerous past and present members of Hemyock Singers will remember with affection Andrew Curtis who has died after a short illness. Andrew was Musical Director for a number of their concerts and shows. Whilst artistic temperament occasionally saw MD's and Producers lose control Andrew never did. His musical expertise, calm manner, and friendly personality did much for the success of performances.

Many will know of **Jackie Ascott** whose home is in Cypress with husband Terry. Whilst visiting her parents, Rev John and Edna Doble late last summer, Jackie suffered a stroke and is now at **Calway House Care Home, Taunton**. She is always delighted to receive and chat to visitors.

We are all aware of people around us who are unwell at present and we remember especially Brian, Christine, Wendy, Chris and Kay wishing them well.

Whilst the Parish Pump is dependent on news contributions from local organisations, we send thanks to all our distributors, **Sue** for gathering the centre diary pages, those involved with arranging adverts from our generous businesses and last but not least our editor **James**. His unenviable task of proof reading and putting together all the various items he receives ensures we, and those further afield who have copies sent to them, are kept aware of the many things the local area has to offer.

We extend, as always, the warmest welcome to those new to the area as we say farewell to those moving away. Whether you are single, have a young family or are more mature we feel sure you will find activities and events you will enjoy.

Someone recently said they read the Pump from cover to cover then with diary or calendar to hand make a note of all the dates when they see something to interest them.

Enjoy reading!

Best wishes,

Janice (Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk)

The Violet Chapman Trust

The Violet Chapman Charity (Charity registration number 299996) was established in 1986 after Mrs Violet Chapman, who was a patient of the Blackdown Practice, gave a substantial gift to the doctors, which was intended to provide patients with services and help that were not available under the NHS.

The original Trustees were Dr Jonathan Meads, Mrs Chapman and Sir Christopher who, at that time, was senior partner with Ashfords Solicitors and one time president of the Law Society. The Trustees were, at this time, all volunteers not drawing any salary or expenses, and this remains the case to date.

The Trust has discretion to give grants for medical equipment and treatments as well as giving financial assistance to patients of the Blackdown Practice for numerous purposes.

All grants are given for the physical and mental wellbeing of the patients, and many will gain support by the help the Trust gives in supplying counselling where the NHS is unable to supply.

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required

their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial

If you feel the Trust can help you we would suggest you talk to your GP or any person who gives you support and submit an Application form which can be found online or pick one up from any of the Blackdown Practice surgeries. The Trustees are only too happy to consider any applications. Alternatively for more details please contact the secretary, Mrs Judy Barton on 01823 680975 or j.h.barton@hotmail. co.uk.

The Trustees are proud of the speed with which they are able to help patients and in many cases are able to provide financial assistance within two weeks.

The current Trustees are Mrs Shirley Wyatt (Chairman), Mr Stephen Walker (Legal representative - Ashfords), Mrs Judy Barton (Secretary), Dr Susan Brocklesby, Mrs Doreen Pike and Mr Tom Baker.

COULD WE HELP YOU?

The Parish Pump What's On

What's On February 2020

What's On March 2020

Sat 1	Ch'ford, Well. FM, Charity/Coffee Shop	
Sun 2		
Mon 3	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 (Over 50s)	
Tue 4	Phoenix Carers 10.00-12.00 BHLC	WI FL 19.30
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Thu 6	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.30-11.00	Mother's Union
Fri 7	Brightside, BHLC Cl	hristmas Bingo, Scouts PH
Sat 8	C'mpton & Yarcombe FM's Mobile Library	
Sun 9		
	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 (Over 50s)	Young Farmers FL 19.30
	Memory Café BHLC St Mary's Charity & Coffee CR 10.00-12.00	
		ardeners' meeting "Gardens in Art" talk FL 19.30
	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.	
	Valentine's Day! Empty Spaces, 10.00	
Sat 15	Wellington Farmers' Market NATIONAL REPAIR DAY	Mobile Library
Sun 16	Tunes from the Organ Tuner, Michael Farley, + teas, St Mary's 15.0	00
Mon 17	Local Schools Feb 17 – Feb 24 Half Term "Mature Mo	overs", 11.00-12.00 (Over 50s)
Tue 18		
Wed 19	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 20	T'ton & H'ton FM's Lunch CR 12.30 Mobile Library (Cl'hidor History Group CR 19.30	n & H'yock) Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.30-11.00
Fri 21		
Sat 22	Hemyock Market Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 23		Young Farmers FL 19.3
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	Parish Hall	Forbes Lounge	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2nd and 4th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Mature Movers (Over 50's) (GS) 11.00-12 md
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Club every 2nd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.30-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2nd	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1st 2.30 Acorns every 3rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1st	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1st week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2nd / Hemyock History & Archiving (CR)(3rd) / Clayhidon History Group 3rd / Health Visitor Clinic (Pre-School age) BHLAC (last) Bl'down Stay & Play(BHLAC)
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (Fri before Market ONLY)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3rd		

Sun 1		
Mon 2	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00	
Tue 3	Phoenix Carers	WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 4	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.30-11.00	M.Union Lunch
	Brightside, BHLC	
Sat 7	Ch'ford & Wellington FM's WI Sausage and Mash PH Mobile Library 9.45 – 12.15 PH Hedgelaying, Regency House, Hemyock Scout Quiz Evening PH	SKILLS of the HILLS,
	Sponsored Hymn Sing with refreshments, St Mary's	
Mon 9	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00	Young Farmers FL 19.3 0
Tue 10	Memory Café "Empty Spaces" 10-11.30 St Mary's Charity & Coffee CR 10.00-12.00	Tue Club <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 11	Empty Spaces 14.30-16.00	Gardeners' meeting FL 19.30
	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.30-11.00	
	Blood Donors, PH Empty Spaces, 10.00 – 11.30	
Sat 14	C'mpton & Yarcombe FM's	
Sun 15		
Mon 16		
Tue 17		
Wed 18	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 19	First Day of Spring T'ton & H'ton FM's Spring Lunch CR Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC History Group CR 19.30	09.30-11.00 Mobile Library
Fri 20	"Empty Spaces" 10-11.00	
Sat 21	Hemyock Market Wellington Farmers' Market	
Sun 22	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
Mon 23		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 24	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 25	Crafternoon	
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 09.30-11.00	
Fri 27	Tiverton Farmers' Market Local Schools END OF TERM Hemyock	k Scouts BINGO <i>PH</i>
Sat 28	Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 29	British Summer Time begins	
Mon 30		
Tue 31	PH – Par	
1	FL – Fort	oes Lounge

April	04	Gardeners' Spring Show
April	04	Taunton Vale Harriers Easter Bingo
April	12	EASTER DAY
April	14	Local Schools, Summer Term starts
April	24	Blood Donors
April	25	Lights Brigade Dance
May	01	Parish Council AGM
May	07	Mid. Devon Police & Crime Commissioner Election
May	08	BANK HOLIDAY (V.E. DAY)
May		(to be decided) Coffee Morning and
5		Plant Sale, FOSM
May	23	Repair Cafe
May	25	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
May	25 - 29	Local Schools Half Term
July	23	Local Schools Term Ends

CR – Church Rooms

LM–Longmead

RS – Riverside

BC – Baptist Church

SM – St Mary's

SA – St Andrew's

ASC – All Saint's Church

CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall

BHLC – Blackdown Healthy Living Centre

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (this may stop too many clashes of dates!).

Parish Pump Deadline

February – March issue: 14th March

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Times of Mobile Library (See "What's On" for dates)

Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Clayhidon crossroads & 1.15-1.45pm \\ Hemyock Parish Hall & 1.55-3.00 \\ Lower Millhayes & 3.05-4.20 \\ \end{tabular}$

Saturdays (once a month, Week 2) Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 – 12.15

Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Longmead

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use. **The MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour MUGA - £15.00 per hour

If you wish to book any of these facilities or would like some more information please contact Karen 01823 681034 or email kazapinder@hotmail.com.

7.4 acres (3 hectares) of Public Open Space for Hemyock

What do you want? Have your say.

I ollowing the granting of planning consent on land adjacent to the cemetery Hemyock Parish Council will be offered 7.4 acres of public open space. The two fields behind the



cemetery will be accessed through the development.

Before agreeing to take ownership of the land the parish council wishes to identify what facilities/uses might be sought by parishioners that are both affordable and sustainable.

The parish council will be holding a public open meeting on: Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm Parish Hall.

Please come along and have your say. Initial suggestions are as follows:- dog walking area, woodland, café, play area, allotments, community orchard and skateboard park.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to contribute your ideas please email the clerk Hemyockpc@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

fe enjoyed getting together for a craft evening to make decorations for our St Mary's Christmas tree.



The trees looked lovely and the festival was a great success. Our Christmas meal at the Catherine Wheel was delicious, most of the group attended, it was a lovely way to start the Christmas period, thank you to Geoff and all of his staff. We hope to see Harry, Gary, and Lauren performing in the Culmstock Pantomime and Andy, who is performing in the Luppit Pantomime.

We are starting to arrange meetings, set a date for the AGM and discuss the spring social event. A few people are interested in joining the group this year, if you think you would also like to participate in any way don't hesitate to contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk. Or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com Come and see what it's all about you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

Hemyock Parish Hall Committee

hristmas saw the hall suitably decorated inside and out, and although it wasn't possible to fit in with the Lights Brigade timetable, in the end, the users over this period saw that the hall had a nice festive feel. Thanks to all those who helped with decorations, particularly Roy Calcraft and John Churchill.

The committee have their first meeting of the year arranged for January 20th. One of the items bound to take up discussion time is the proposed development of School Court, and any impact that may have on future use of the hall.

For those not familiar with the facilities that the hall has to offer, there is a well appointed kitchen, a bar area, (a small charge for the alcohol licence), and of course a sprung dance floor! In addition, there are disabled toilet facilities and reasonable car parking capacity. Hire charges are on the notice board outside the hall as are booking contact details.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with managing the hall. This is particularly so at the moment, as Penny Lawrence, our Secretary intends to resign later on this year. We could also do with some volunteers to act as trustees and help us to manage. Please – if you think you could spare some time to help, contact details are below.

Even if these tasks are too much, if you're able to spare a few minutes to help with such tasks as putting out tables for the monthly market, (and putting away afterwards), or help with small maintenance tasks, then please contact Bob Hawkes on 680047 or bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com for further information. No reasonable offer refused!

Your committee (made up of trustees) is Denis Gubb (Chair) Doug Cartledge (Treasurer), Penny Lawrence (Secretary), and Bob Hawkes (Vice Chair).



TREASURER WANTED LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Can you help?

The Longmead Management Group is seeking a new Treasurer. The role includes the collection of fees, record keeping and compiling a short report for each meeting. There are four meetings each year held in the pavilion at Longmead. It is friendly and interesting group whose task is to oversee the running of the sports facilities and the environmental area at Longmead

If you are interested please contact Tracy Leaman - 01823 681569

CRAFTERNOON! ♠★★★

HEMYOCK. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 2.00-4.00.

Come along to CRAFTERNOON!

Bring your sewing/knitting/crochet.

Join our friendly group for a chat and a cuppa.

Ring Gabbi 680690 or Lynn 680104 for further information.



Poets Corner

Till Jesus offered Living Drink,

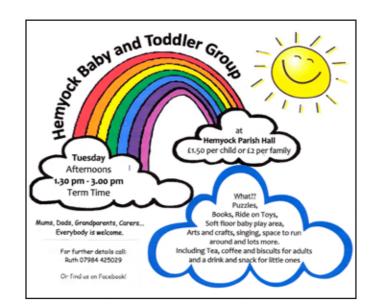
Living Water

Then life was only life,
And lost in all we'd done;
But when each,
Christ's Living Water drinks all life's
Bad and good times take their place,
And flow as one smooth then,
Rocky/tumbled stream;
Broken though the valley of human lives,
To the calm bay sheltered by
God's Loving Arms.

My Special Chair

I've got this special chair,
Where I can sit and dream,
Or look out through the window,
At the night-times black or changing days,
O'er sunny rooves to rising ground,
Where trees stand stark or don their summer green;
And the clouds up drift in the sky
Tell the story of the wind,
Maybe a shower of rain;
And in the space between the sky and solid earth
Surf birds on waves of invisible air:
An ever changing picture from my chair.

David Palmer





Do you buy from Suttons Seeds? *NEW CODE

Get **35** % **off** seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group.

Just use the offer code **GC1001E** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

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To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk



Fancy coming to Hemyock youth club?

Held on Tuesday evenings 6.30-8pm at the garages,

Hemyock.

From year 6 onwards.

- >Bring your mates along.
- >A place where you can engage with others or have space on your own.... your choice.
- >Offering various activities on various weeks if you want to get involved.
- >Great space to have fun and let your hair down. >everybody is welcome.
- For more details contact

lyndseytivvy@aol.com or eingledew3022728@aol.com

(first session free £1 thereafter per session.)



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Gardens in Art and the Artist in the Garden Wednesday 12 February 7.30pm in Hemyock Parish Hall

emyock Gardeners' Association present an illustrated talk by Dr Debbie Lewer at their meeting on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Hemyock.

Join us for a lively and engaging look at the many ways artists have been inspired by the garden as a real or symbolic place.

Looking at works of art from ancient history to contemporary times some extraordinary examples will be seen including what happens when artists themselves become gardeners.

Debbie is a Senior Lecturer in History of Art at the University of Glasgow and a regular speaker outside academia. Her parents, John and Jan live in Hemyock and their garden is magnificent! Admission is just £1 with refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits at the end of the evening after a Q&A session with Debbie.

Further details can be found on our website www. hemyockgardeners.org.uk. Any queries, do call Sue on 01823 681393.



New 2020 Rules for Septic Tanks Explained

Septic tanks are a common way of treating wastewater in rural areas where mains drainage is not available. There are an estimated one million drainage systems off-mains in England and legislation in the area is becoming increasingly stringent.

Registration of septic tanks and private sewage disposal systems in both England & Wales was introduced in 2010. However a Government review completed in October 2014 introduced new regulations which came into effect in January 2015. These regulations – the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2014 – introduced a set of **General Binding Rules** (GBR).

The rules were designed to end the illegal practice of septic tanks discharging into ditches, streams, rhynes and rivers thus reducing the pollution in our nation's watercourses.

Under the GBRs, anyone with a septic tank discharging into a watercourse must replace it or upgrade it by **1 January 2020**, or sooner if the property is sold before this date, or if the EA finds that it is causing sollution.

If you have, or suspect you have, a septic tank with a direct discharge to a watercourse you can find our more on the **Environment Agency** website https://www.gov.uk/quidance/general-binding-rules-small-sewage-discharge-to-a-surface-water or by contacting WCI below.

Naomi Taylor WCI Sewage Treatment Ltd enauiries@wci.co.uk - www.wci.co.uk

History Group Report

he December meeting included a showing of the Hemyock Now and Then DVD with historic images of the main features of Hemyock over the last 150 years. Quite a metropolis with a station, steam trains, sidings and a winch taking goods wagons over the main Coombe Road to the large Milk Factory.

Hemyock was always a busy place with plenty of employment for the local populace and a number of retail outlets. Out of this business activity came the sporting facilities that we are now well known for - the bowling club being the first, the cricket pitch, and the football ground with boules court. After the Milk Factory was demolished in 2000 and the houses were built we have inherited the Healthy Living Centre for caring for the community.

At the January meeting we welcomed Dr David Pugsley who talked about the Days of duelling when honour was defended by challenging someone to a duel. The downside could be that you were killed by the other duellist if you lost, or hanged if you were successful in killing the other duellist. Honour would seem to be secondary to how brass necked one was prepared to be. The practice died in Devon in 1833 when Sir John Jeffcott killed the very popular Dr Hennis. A duel in Somerset was reported in 1778, when Count Rice killed Viscount du Barre. Duels were reported in the press with monotonous regularity, no fewer than 14 in the Times in the last 3 months of 1835 with no country more addicted to Duels.

Duelling was the heritage of the upper classes with a sudden killing in hot blood being considered to be manslaughter while a duel could be treated as premeditated murder. David provided interesting details about a list of the various famous duels in the west country including those reported by Winston Graham in his Poldark series which you can still see on Youtube.

The next talk on Thursday 20th February will be from Robert Garrett, a historian from Culmstock who will talk about the Corner family who started Wellington School and the Wellington Weekly paper. The March talk will be from Mark Farrell about his amazing overland journey from Hemyock to Tokyo for the Rugby World Cup this last Summer with the April talk from Michael Bowerman on the murder of Lord Bowerman at Whitehall.

Mike Cooper

Thank you

'Athalie & Darren would like to thank all those who so kindly helped Vivienne to move house and to settle in. A big thank you to: David & Vivien Berkley, Bill Williams, John & Bridget Bimson, Mo Anderson, Meg Palmer, Joan Cooper, and of course Sonia, Wendy and Margaret. With sincere thanks to all who helped on the day. Thank you too for continuing to give thoughtful, practical help. Many thanks. Kind regards, Athalie Collins

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update February 2020

Hemyock Parish Council held its usual monthly meetings in December & January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 19/01469/FULL. Erection of a dwelling, garage and formation of new access (Revised Scheme). Land West of Elmdene, Hemyock.
- 19/02042/HOUSE. 7 Redwood Close. Erection of extension to front porch.
- 19/02062/HOUSE. 16 Logan Way. Erection of single-storey side extension following demolition of conservatory (Revised Scheme).

Permission granted noted for:-

- 19/01540/CLP. 12 Longmead, Hemyock. Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a rear extension.
- 19/01593/PNOU. Highlands Farm, Hemyock. Prior notification for the proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible use within B1 and storage or distribution under Class R.
- 19/01591/FULL. Windover Farm, Madford. Erection of roof over existing dung store and associated hardstanding.
- 19/01551/HOUSE. Studleys, Hemyock. Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex and ancillary accommodation (revised scheme).

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, donations towards tree planting. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, training, Christmas competition and play area inspection.

Donations were made to:-

• £160 - Hemyock Christmas Club

Hedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges in and around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

Or report the problem online at www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem.

Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police. Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency

Christmas Decorations Competition

Heather Stallard MBE judged the competition this year. After careful consideration the winners were:- 1st Prize £40.00 - Mr & Mrs Kingston, Fourways House, 2nd Prize £30.00 - Mr G Taylor, Catherine Wheel, 3rd Prize £20.00 - Mr & Mrs Bevan, Edelweiss

Tree Planting Event, Shuttleton Common 22nd/23rd February 2020

Following on from the Woodland Trust's recent The Big Climate Fightback #EveryTreeCounts campaign, over the weekend of 22nd/23rd February 2020 the parish council will be hosting a tree planting event at Shuttleton Common. It's not too late to get involved.

Trees are the ultimate multi-taskers, helping to combat the two environmental emergencies facing our planet: climate change and biodiversity loss. They absorb carbon, fight flooding, reduce pollution, nurture wildlife and make landscapes more resilient. Reducing our carbon emissions will never be enough. The woods, hedges and green spaces we create buffer existing habitats, tackle climate change and reverse wildlife decline – all at the same time.

The parish council has ordered a selection of 4-5 feet native hardwood trees (English and red oak, beech, sweet chestnut, cherry, walnut and sycamore). Parishioners may reserve a tree by contacting the clerk and paying a donation of £15.00. The parish council will provide a stake and tree guard.

Over the weekend of 22nd/23rd February the parish council will position numbered stakes out on Shuttleton Common and parishioners will be able to plant their reserved tree (if you are unable to do this the pc can provide assistance). The pc hopes you will take part in this event. Please reserve your tree now!

7.4 acres (3 hectares) of Public Open Space for Hemyock

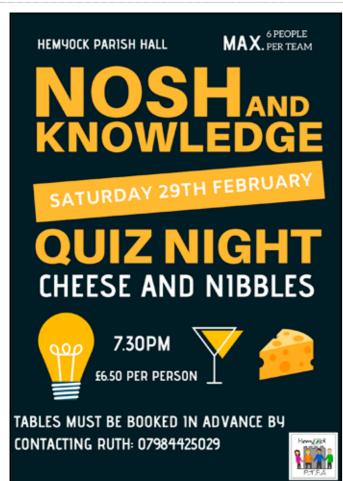
Please see the separate article in this edition of The Pump and additional flyer coming through your door! What do you want? Have your say. The parish council will be holding a public open meeting on: Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm Parish Hall. Please come along and have your say.

Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www. hemyock.org//index.php?topic=parishcouncil and may be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

Clerk:

Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN Tel 01823 680968 Email hemyockpc@gmail.com.



Upper Culm Community Land Trust 2-Bed, Affordable House, Lower Greenfield, Hemyock

newly built, 2-bedroomed semi-detached, affordable property has become available and is to be sold on a shared ownership basis at a discounted rate.

Applicants would need to satisfy (a) a locality requirement (perhaps lived or worked in Hemyock or nearby or with family established here) and (b) a housing need.

The house has underfloor heating, air-source heat pump and parking. The trust would require a capital payment of £75,000 for the owned share (possibility of buying more to 'staircase' to a larger owned share) and payment of a discounted rent for the remaining share.

Anyone interested should contact either James Calderbank on (01823) 680697 or Tim Barton on (01823)681668.





1st Hemyock Scout Group

ello and welcome to a new decade (although I do believe that there are some schools of thought that say the new decade does not start until next year!). Anyway regardless

1st Hemyock continues into 2020 with lots of activities on the Spring programmes.

One that caught my eye is on 24rth January, which celebrates Chinese New Year and Burns Night. The programme states — "Chinese and Scottish fusion cook night. Bring all you need." Sounds good and keeping up the Groups excellent cooking skills. I know that they will have had fun lighting their fires and cooking down Gaddon Woods, Uffculme. Also the beginning of February sees our annual winter camp- Operation Snowdrift. I know they will be hoping for snow but will have fun anyway. Other camps are also planned. In May we join the scouts of Exmouth and Budleigh for the Woodjam Get Together. Summer Camp is already planned, Bodmin in Cornwall at the start of August. More reports on those activities when they happen.

I know quite a few of you attended St Marys Christmas Fayre where our new Rector, Becky produced an excellent and amusing opening address. I managed to have a chat with her and I am pleased to say that she is keen to visit the group. We will arrange this during the Spring programmes and we can show what we get up to. I did mention that it is customary for Hemyock Rectors to become our Group Chaplain. I am sure we can arrange this soon!

What else is happening? Our behind the scenes group executive have some events for this year. Easter Bingo on 27th March, Christmas Bingo on 4th December, Jumble Sale on 3rd October. As you can guess behind the scenes activities to raise funds for our very active group. This certainly applies to 2022, which is not very far away. It will be the 50th Anniversary get together with our Danish friends in Tonder. Something that we are all looking forward to.

With regard to our Danish friends, I have to report that Kirsten, our GSL Andy's opposite number, has told me that her husband Jens (who has visited us on many occasions) has the 'C' and is undergoing chemo treatment. We wish him well and our thoughts are with him, Kirsten and their family.

A usual shortish Winter report, but before Rikkis finally. Don't forget to join us on 26th April for St Georges Day Parade and Service- full details next time.

Finally. From Camp Fire Yarn no1 The Scouts Work. Simply the last paragraph. Baden Powell had been explaining the work of scouts in war time, which he was very much involved with back in the Eighteen hundreds. It says- But you need not have a war in order to be useful as a scout. As a peace scout there is lots for you to do any day, wherever you may be. How true and we certainly believe in that statement in 1st Hemyock.

Looking forward to a super new decade, Bye for now Old Rikki.

Chat with you again in 2020.

Old Rikki

Dear Residents

ow the holiday period is over, it is back to work. I reported that we had plenty of salt, and it looks as though we will have more than enough by the end of winter, unless of course we have a lot more snow/frost to-date.

There has not been much happening lately, although we will be now looking to put our next year's precept together, it will not be easy as most of our budgets are under pressure.

What I have done is to give you a flavour of what the budgets are looking like for Month 8 compared top month 6, some have improved while some are still overspent. This is time of year when we have to give a balance budget, or make it up from reserves, and we do not like that.

The total projected overspend at month 8 is £3.4m, which is £1.9m reduction from reduction from the £5.3m forecasted at month 6.

Adult Care and Health Services are forecasting to overspend by £6.8m, £137k worse than month 6. Adult Care Operations is forecasting an overspend of £8.9m, an increase of £160k from month 6. The pressure continues to primary be the result of residential and nursing price and volume pressure. Client numbers for these areas are 126 higher than the budgeted level of 1995, giving rise to the overspend £2.8m. the remaining projected overspend of £3.6m is price related and due to the higher costs having to be paid for services provided.

Adult Commissioning and Health is forecast to underspend buy £527k. Mental Health is forecasting to overspend by £497k. Pressures are being experienced by higher client numbers, residential services have 24 over the budgeted level of 151, have been offset by additional funding support for out of County placements from the Better Care Fund confirmed at Month 6.

Children's Social Care is forecasting to be a little over £1m, a reduction of £227k from month 6.. Support accommodation continues to be driving this pressure. Disabled Children's Service are forecasting a overspend of £1.4m, a reduction of £459k from 6months. As a matter of interest, we have over 700 Children in care.

All other costs which include Staffing, Quality Assurance Reviewing, the Atkinson Home and Safeguarding Service and Strategic Management budgets are forecasting an overspend of just over £1.2m, an increase of £122k from month 6.

Highways infrastructure Development and waste is forecasting an underspend of £516k, at moth 8, an increase of £113k from month 6. Highways maintenance are forecasting an overspend of £885k, a worsening of £170k from month 6. This movement is primarily as a result of sustained heavy rainfall in Oct & Nov on safety reaction expenditure.

Waste management is forecasting an underspend of £1.4m, an increase of £453k from month 6. The movement from month 6 is mainly the result of lower waste tonnage. Communities, Public Health, Environment are forecasting an underspend of £482k, an increase of £478k from month 6.

This just a flavour of the situation at month 8, we have 4 more moths to go, when the position, hopefully, will bring us to, or nearer a balanced budget. Next month I will be able to update you more on the likely forecast for the end of year.

Just like to remind the community of the three grants that are available, as published in the last mag. These are quite apart from my locality budget, where I still have some funds available, providing they meet the criteria.

As always, I am here to help if I can possibly be.

Regards,

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor Willand & Uffculme Division Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk





Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

Timetable valid from 25/07/2016 until further notice.

Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

	Mo	nda	iys	to F	rida	ays				Sat	urd	ays						
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	_	_	0850	_	1115	_	1415	_	1715	_	_	0850	_	1115	_	1415	_	1715
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	_	_	0900	_	1125	_	1425	_	1726	_	_	0900	_	1125	_	1425	_	1726
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	-	-	0911	_	1136	_	1436	_	1736	_	_	0911	_	1136	_	1436	_	1736
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	_	_	0920	_	1145	_	1445	_	1745	_	_	0920	_	1145	_	1445	_	1745
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	_	_	0924	_	1149	-	1449	_	1749	_	-	0924	_	1149	_	1449	_	1749
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	_	0930	_	1155	_	1455	_	1755	0729	_	0930	_	1155	_	1455	_	1755
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	_	0939	_	1204	_	1504	_	1804	0738	_	0939	_	1204	_	1504	_	1804
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	_	0942	_	1207	_	1507	_	1807	0741	_	0942	_	1207	_	1507	_	1807
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	_	0944	_	1209	_	1509	_	1809	0743	_	0944	_	1209	_	1509	_	1809
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	_	0950	_	1215	_	1515	_	1815	0749	_	0950	_	1215	_	1515	_	1815
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	_	0954	_	1219	-	1519	_	1819	0753	-	0954	_	1219	-	1519	-	1819
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	_	0957	_	1222	_	1522	_	1822	0756	_	0957	_	1222	_	1522	_	1822
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	_	1004	_	1229	_	1529	_	1829	0803	_	1004	_	1229	_	1529	_	1829
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	_	0820	_	1020	_	1245	_	1545	1841	_	0820	_	1020	_	1245	_	1545	1841
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	_	0824	_	1024	_	1249	_	1549	_	_	0824	_	1024	_	1249	_	1549	_
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)		0830		1030		1255		1555			0830		1030		1255		1555	
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	_	0839	_	1039	_	1304	_	1604	-	_	0839	_	1039	_	1304	_	1604	_
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	-	0846	-	1046	-	1311	-	1611	_	_	0846	-	1046	-	1311	-	1611	-
Colyford, opp The Elms	_	0850	_	1050	_	1315	_	1615	_	_	0850	_	1050	_	1315	_	1615	_
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	-	0852	_	1052	-	1317	-	1617	_	_	0852	-	1052	-	1317	_	1617	-
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	_	0857	_	1057	_	1322	_	1622	_	_	0857	_	1057	_	1322	_	1622	_



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	Mo	nda	ys i	to F	rid	ays				Sat	urd	ays						
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	_	0900	_	1200	_	1500	_	1700	_	_	0900	_	1200	_	1500	_	1700	_
Seaton, opp Health Centre	_	0904	_	1204	_	1504	_	1704	_	_	0904	_	1204	_	1504	_	1704	_
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	-	0908	_	1208	-	1508	-	1708	_	_	0908	-	1208	-	1508	-	1708	-
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	_	0913	_	1213	_	1513	_	1712	_	_	0913	_	1213	_	1513	_	1712	_
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	_	0920	_	1220	-	1520	_	1718	_	_	0920	-	1220	-	1520	-	1718	-
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	_	0929	_	1229	_	1529	_	1726	_	_	0929	_	1229	_	1529	_	1726	_
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	_	0935	-	1235	-	1535	-	1732	-	_	0935	-	1235	-	1535	-	1732	_
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938		1238		1538		1735		0701	0938		1238		1538		1735	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	_	0951	_	1251	_	1551	_	1746	0712	_	0951	_	1251	_	1551	_	1746
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	_	0958	_	1258	_	1558	_	1753	0719	_	0958	_	1258	_	1558	_	1753
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	_	1001	_	1301	_	1601	_	1755	0722	_	1001	_	1301	_	1601	_	1755
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	_	1004	_	1304	_	1604	_	1758	0725	_	1004	_	1304	_	1604	_	1758
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	_	1012	_	1312	_	1612	_	1806	0733	_	1012	_	1312	_	1612	_	1806
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	_	1014	-	1314	-	1614	-	1808	0735	-	1014	-	1314	-	1614	_	1808
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	_	1017	_	1317	_	1617	_	1811	0738	_	1017	_	1317	_	1617	_	1811
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	_	1027	_	1327	_	1627	_	1820	0748	_	1027	_	1327	_	1627	_	1820
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	_	1032	_	1332	_	1632	_	_	0753	_	1032	_	1332	_	1632	_	_
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	_	1036	_	1336	_	1636	_	-	0757	-	1036	_	1336	_	1636	-	-
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	_	1045	_	1345	_	1645	_	_	0806	_	1045	_	1345	_	1645	_	_
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	-	1052	-	1352	_	1652	-	_	0813	-	1052	-	1352	-	1652	_	-
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	_	1105	_	1405	_	1705	_	_	0831	_	1105	_	1405	_	1705	_	_

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham REDWOODS 697

Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0910	TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6	1315
HEMYOCK, Square	0912	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920	CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1323
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934	STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942	HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944	HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952	HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005	WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010	BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1020	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022	HEMYOCK, Square HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1430
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhaves	1432

St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

t has been such a season of celebration and happiness for which we can only say and sing our thanks to God. For us at Clayhidon, it began with our celebration of St Andrew's Day when our congregation included many from Hemyock and Culmstock. As we approached Christmas, the children enjoyed a craft afternoon before participating in the Christingle service which is always a delight and ends with Away in a Manger sung in the candle light.

The children were involved too for the Crib service which started with the bell ringers and soon the pony bringing Mary to Bethlehem. Many families particularly like this service and come in greater numbers to remind themselves of the blessings of Christmas. The refreshments afterwards are also enjoyed. For the adults, there was the reminder of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus when we joined together for a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. On Christmas Eve and Day, we celebrated with Holy Communion and sang the carols with great joy.



We had many stalls at the Christmas Fayre though the event was rivalled by a variety of other events in surrounding villages. In spite of this we were able to raise welcome funds for the church. It was decided at our last PCC meeting, that we would like to thank the retired clergy and others who have



done so much for us during the time we were without a rector, so we were able to show our appreciation by giving them lunch recently at Fields Farm, the only place large enough to hold 22 of us.

Now we look forward to our annual Plough Sunday when we can thank our farmers who are of such immediate service to our community. It is a family service needing help from the children which they enjoy. At the end of February, we hold our **Ash Wednesday** service for the beginning of Lent. There will be further information about Lent meetings on the church notice board. **The Family service for Mothering Sunday will be 22nd March at 10am**.

Sadly, I have been informed that Bob Brien who was with us for so many years and who was a churchwarden many years ago, has just died. We remember his great love of art and of music and his great sense of humour. Our deepest sympathy to his two daughters and their families.

We wish everyone a very happy New Year with good health and many opportunities to share with us in God's eternal blessings.

P. Reynolds, PCC

The Parish Pump



St. Andrew's Church Christmas Craft

n Saturday 7th December we held our second Craft Church this time with a Christmas Theme for the younger members of the Clavhidon Community.

Again we had an enthusiastic group of children and the invaluable help of adults to support each craft activity from designing their own Christmas card, Santa sock, an angel for the top of their trees and three Nativity Stained-glass panels that were displayed in church from the Crib service through to Epiphany.

The children also made their Christingles in Church for the Christingle Service that followed on from the Craft afternoon, which was then followed by Tea in the Church Room.

The next Craft Church activity will have an Easter Theme and will be held at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 4th April.

St Andrew's Flower Rota

As another New Year begins, so does a new venture for me as I take over the Church Flowers from Nicola Bendle who has retired. I'm sure everyone on the rota will join me in thanking Nicola for doing such a fantastic job over the years & I certainly have "big boots to fill" and do hope that I can keep up the standard she has set. I'm looking forward to my new role.

No flowers are required in the Church until Good Friday on April 10th. Details of the next rota will be in the April/May issue of the Pump.

Any questions, queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact me on 681050 or 07979857219. Many thanks, Bridget Drew.





Clayhidon Local History Group

T t was in November that our speaker, Steve Higgs, was able to tell us about Stapley Silk Mill which was in production during L the 19th century. A great number of people were able to find employment there.

It was astonishing to hear that so many children even from age eight found work at that mill. Their fingers were better able to pick at the threads and place them where it was necessary. The children walked to the Mill from as far away as Dunns Green in Clayhidon. The Mill closed about 1874. It was a most interesting talk.

December was when we gathered with food and drink for our quiz which had some historical local questions. In January, 19 of us will enjoy an annual dinner and the following month will be our AGM when we each bring an article of personal interest to intrigue and fascinate the group.

The speakers for the following months have been arranged starting with March when Emma Jones will come to speak to us about the restoration of the Wellington Monument. She is the community fund raiser so has a great deal of knowledge

In April we have a speaker from Tiverton and in May a local person speaking after much research about a Clayhidon property, which should be very interesting.

If you have not been to one of our meetings, held on the third Thursday of the month, you are most welcome to join us. Normally, they are in the Church Room at 7.30 next to St Andrew's Church. We look forward to seeing you.

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Scrumpy Jack Litter Lout

¬ his picture shows the amount of drinks cans/bottles collected from a 500 metre stretch of roadside hedge and ditch in the Clayhidon Parish recently.



There were 31 Scrumpy Jack Cider cans, 9 cider cans other brands, 8 lager cans, 5 beer bottles and 1 Brandy bottle, which adds up to 54 alcoholic drinks plus a few soft drink containers thrown on the side of a short distance of road.

There are two serious points to consider – Are the culprits drinking and driving, there is no shop or Pub on this stretch of road, so it must be purchased and carried to, then be thrown away? Secondly all the drinks cans and glass bottles can be recycled, the culprits clearly have no regard for the environment and wild life of the countryside. What a disgrace

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Clayhidon Friends Christmas Meeting – December 2019

ost of the Group met for the last time in 2019 at The Catherine Wheel in Hemyock. Being a Lunch time meeting, we missed the others of the Group that had work commitments and couldn't come.

Geoff did the Group proud, The Chef and the Waitresses managed to take our differing orders and get all the food to come out more or less at the same time, no mean feat! Tucking into our meals with gusto the Party was full of conversation, laughter and Christmas Cheer. Meeting once a month we all had plenty of local news to share and exchange what each would be doing over the Christmas period.

Our Group has been meeting for over ten years now. We have had some lovely talks and outings over 2019 and look forward to our next year's programme. A special thanks must be noted at this time of year to Heather Proctor and Anne Lancaster, whose work does not go un-noticed and we are all very grateful. If any of the Group can help them at all in the New Year, it would be very welcome.

Clayhidon Ladies meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Parish Hall in Clayhidon. We are always very welcoming to prospective new members. If you are interested in finding more information please call Anne on 01823 680086.

Lynda Ridout

Clayhidon Friends January Meeting Walk from Chamonix to Zermatt

espite the gloomy weather of January we all gathered eagerly to listen to Joseph Andrews return visit of one of his ambitious walks. Jo's enthusiasm is very infectious and when he showed us slides on the mountains around the Matterhorn you could appreciate what a wonderful sense of freedom and peace it must give you to have achieved a great height and be surrounded by nothing else but Nature's magnificence at its most supreme.

This time Jo had persuaded his partner, Hannah to be his sole companion. Aided by a Guide Book, Jo decided to remain to his Purist leanings and not take the easy route for the ten day adventure. Although they were aware of other walkers, they didn't meet anyone else doing this more difficult route. The decision to follow the book proved challenging as some natural changes

had occurred to the terrain since the book was published. However being experienced Jo rose to the

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challenge regardless. At one point, expecting to walk a dip, the dip had gone and they had to take a very long walk across a wire bridge, which swung as they moved! Another time Hannah had to be lowered by Jo and he followed down by abseiling when the walk had deteriorated into a 30ft drop. Thank goodness for the Iron hooks in the rock!

The Parish Pump Clayhidon

Not for them the soft version or the fact that others sent on their unwanted equipment for that day, to the next night time Hut. They were deviating so much, they needed all the equipment as one minute they were walking a glacier, the next in a valley surrounded by grass and stripped down to T-shirt and shorts. I am sure Jo's enthusiasm jollied Hannah along when the days sometimes involved a lot more hours than originally planned, as they had to make detours. He said how worrying it was that glaciers he had walked before had receded and were now rock paths because of Global Warming. We were all very impressed by his tenacity and expertise. We all thought the night time stops at what are termed "Huts", but in reality accommodation for up to 150, sounded more than inviting. These huts are manned by local people who all produce a wonderful meal and welcome beds. If you are imagining a Scottish Bothy at this point, you couldn't be more

Another point that he made in the difference of the Europeans versus us in the UK, is that the authorities are more interested in safety, than being necessarily tough and dangerous. During the War when the Alps were used for taking escaping Allied servicemen to safety, iron rings were driven hard into the rock to attach ropes to. They are still there and very trustworthy.

Jo and Hannah preferred to get up soon after dawn. This was because the snow on the glacier would still be hard, whereas, as the day warmed up underfoot would turn more slushy and more difficult to get a grip.

On one day they had to make a detour to make an important Skype Interview for Jo. This put them behind schedule and they made the decision the next day to make up the time with a 14hr walk. But, Hey, he said, we've got the Mars Bars. I think he pushed Hannah that day to her limits, or so she thought, but found energy she didn't know she was capable of. They both had a sense of achievement sitting with a drink after a welcome shower that night, looking back up the mountain they had descended.

This time Jo had a small drone and was able to film them from high above, little moving specks amongst the vastness. It certainly impressed us of the magnificence of Nature and what a truly marvellous achievement they had both achieved.

Lynda Ridout

Funding for community projects



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Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, February 2020

Clayhidon Parish Council held meetings in December & January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:

• 19/02127/FULL. Land south of Carlingwark, Clayhidon. Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of a dwelling with associated garden area and access, formation of ponds, and creation of access track (Revised Scheme).

Permission granted for:

- 19/01509/HOUSE. Hatchet and Brandy Cottage, Clayhidon. Erection of two-storey extension to front and two-storey rear extension and construction of new vehicular access.
- 19/01105/FULL. Wiltown Farm Buildings, Clayhidon.

 Conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of oak-framed car port and store extension to stone wall and demolition of two agricultural buildings.

Finance

Income - rent.

Expenditure – clerk's wages, training, lengthsman work.

The following grants were awarded:-

- Citizens Advice Bureau £50
- Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre £130
- Tiverton & District Community Transport £70
- St Mary's PCC Hemyock £65.00
- Clayhidon Parish Hall £2,000.00
- St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (churchyard maintenance) £540.00
- Blackdown Support Group £500.00

Precep

The parish council has agreed to set the precept for 2020/2021 at £9,300, increasing the band D property rate from £39.78 to £40.72 per annum.

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004 (Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday). Or report the problem online at www. new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

Police

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Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a modest budget to employ on a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are not the responsibility of Devon County Council. Please report any problems to the clerk or a councillor so that the lengthsman may be deployed where he is most needed.

Tedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

Local Tradespeople

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges, clearing ditches, and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting for any such works then please contact the clerk giving your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th February 2020 (a planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

Clerk:

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The Parish Pump Rosemary Lane

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Thilst I sit in my office warmed by the radiator next to me the story outside is very different... rain lashes against my window and the trees stoop in the wind of storm

Brendan – It all feels very wintery. In fact, it is so windy that my son came running in to my office to tell me that: 'A lion was stuck up the chimney.' Right now, Spring seems a long way off, and yet, slowly but surely, the signs of Spring will begin to emerge. New life cannot be held back.

I shall distract myself from the roaring lion in our chimney by telling you about the recent news and events at Rosemary Lane Chapel. There is much to tell. Christmas was a very busy period for all involved at the chapel. We commenced advent with a series entitled 'The Thrill of Hope' looking at the dawning of hope in the arrival of Jesus. Each session caused us to look deeper into the lives of those drawn into all that God was doing in sending his Son. For the shepherds – hope gave them a voice. For Mary – hope gave her purpose. For Joseph – hope gave him a focus. That focus was upon Jesus who would be thus named

because he would save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). "...my son came running in to my office to tell me that: 'A lion was stuck up the chimney."

Several special events punctuated our build up to Christmas day. First of all, the Toddler's Christmas party where the man in the red suit made an appearance filling all the families with festive glee. The Luncheon Club in connection with the BSG had their annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11th December. The food was wonderful! The lunch was made all the more special with a visit from pupils of Hemyock School. The choir provided the sound of Christmas that complemented the taste of Christmas perfectly. Venturers (primary age Friday night group) were next to celebrate Christmas with their annual Christmas party which, as always, was a fun as it sounds! A few days later and it was once more the young members of our own church who led us through our Christmas family service. The theme was Christmas around the world. The children and young people, alongside those who lead these groups, delivered with wonderful insight, a picture of the many ways that the birth of Jesus is celebrated around the world. What became clear is that His name is known in all the corners of the earth – truly, all the families of the world have been blessed through Him (Genesis 12:3). On the same day, Sunday 15th December, the chapel hosted a Christmas Tea followed by Carols by Candlelight. It was wonderful to see many members of the wider community join us at that special time.

Christmas Day arrived which saw the fellowship at Rosemary Lane, alongside many visiting family members, draw near to rejoice in the good news. Meeting at the earlier than usual time of 10.30, we sang many carols and reminded ourselves of why Jesus Christ is such good news – we did so from the perspective of the Old Testament Prophets who provide a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ, God the Son, and all that he would accomplish in his life, death, resurrection and soon coming again.

The New Year brought with it the resumption of our normal weekly activities. Toddlers, Venturers, Ignite and our midweek homegroups all got underway in their usual pattern. The

celebratory tone of the New Year remained as members of our Luncheon Club gathered together for the first lunch of the New Year... the new decade! The Blackdown Hillbillies provided a very fitting start to the New Year with some great songs – the kind that eventually got everyone singing along – I confess, even I, a notoriously bad singer, couldn't help myself!

As I write this article there is yet more that, come the time you read this, will have taken place. We will have welcomed Richard Coles visiting from St Cleers in Somerton to take our family service on Sunday 19th January. On that same day, God willing, we will have met with our friends from St. Andrew's, Clayhidon, for a combined service – part of a series of combined services that punctuate the year and remind us of our unity in the Lord Jesus. At the end of January, we will have met together for our annual church meeting. This is always a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for all he has done in the year past and trusting in Him for all that is ahead. As reports of the various activities are shared (some mentioned above), I will see with greater clarity the efforts of so many who help to make things happen at Rosemary Lane Chapel and the many ways in which members of the church servant heartedly come together to live out their faith on these Hills.

Looking further ahead we anticipate the continuation of our Winter Bible Study series exploring in greater depths the words of John 3:16. On February 18th at 7.30pm, David Beazley will be looking at the subject of our duty, our response to this love – Faith. Then on March 17th at the same time, David Herring will consider our destiny – according to John 3:16 – eternal life.

Though more will be said in the next instalment of 'News from Rosemary Lane Chapel' we cannot help cast our glances to Easter. We look forward to Graham Poland from Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple, joining us for our annual Good Friday Meeting (10th April). He will be speaking at 3.30 and 6.30 with a tea served in the interval – a warm invitation is extended to all. Then on Easter Sunday we will worship together and greet one another with the wonderful news that He, who died for us upon the cross, **is risen**. I started by speaking about our hope for the signs of new life that Spring will usher in, an even greater hope rests in He who, through his death and resurrection, has made possible **new life** for each of us. Praise Jesus.

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 CORINTHIANS 2:15.17

Jonathan Hillman – Rosemary Lane Chapel



THE 4th UFFCULME GREEN DAY IS COMING! Save the Date – Saturday, 5th September 2020

he Uffculme Green Team is pleased to announce that it will be holding the 4th Uffculme Green Day on the 5th of September 2020. The venue will be the Magelake Pavilion on the edge of Uffculme village.

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From The Uffculme Green Team.

Our Thatching Life featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy his apprentice and all our animals...

t had rather passed me by that it was the start of a new decade, and I wonder whether these 'twenties' will be roaring or whimpering. Perhaps both in equal measure.

Our New Year's Eve was more cough and splutter as most of our lot were full of cold, but I will say Christmas this year was a treat. Most years we work all but Christmas Day, for a lot of different reasons. Customer's anxiety is understandably chief among them as it's unsettling to have your roof open even when it's under sheets. No matter how hard you tie them down, the sound of the blustering wind and pelting rain at best will sound different over sheets, at worst they will oscillate and the edges flap.

The winter of 2013/14 we were re-thatching on Boxing Day, more or less in the dry as the house had been in a fire, so the insurers had paid for covered scaffolding, shrouded in tin, but the deadlines to finish were tight. So we were in early, still dark, under a string of site lights, with the fingers of a howling gale pulling and snapping the edges of the tin.

This year was bliss, thanks to Mrs P. who having filled us full of biscuits and Battenburg cake, was entirely relaxed about us having two weeks off. We got to be normal people with the tree decorated before the day rather than on it, jobs done around the house, repairs to the vans, the piglets scratched and entertained, the cattle well fed and fences mended....time. Time to snooze, or potter; time to not have to rush from work to kitchen to taxiing, twitching and flailing through the day like some desperate string puppet. Mrs P...thank you.

The other lasting memory from Christmas 2019, one that is sure to make me smile for a lifetime, was finding the Hon. Mrs F. feeding her ponies one morning, with the chickens about her feet dressed not in jeans and wellies, nor Barbour and chaps; not even in a John Deer boiler suit..... but in peals of giggles, fluffy slippers and a penguin night shirt.





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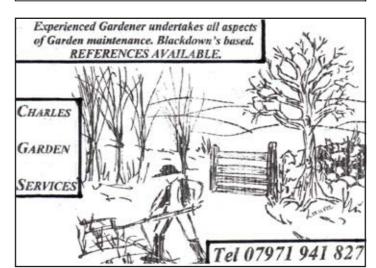


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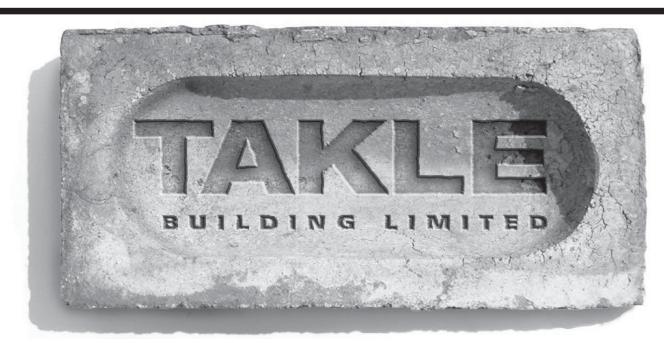
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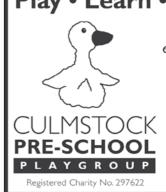
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